## **MERRYMEETING LAKE DAM in NEW DURHAM**

DAM# 170.01 HAZCLASS H

## OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND RESPONSE (OMR) FORM

## BASIC DATA

| Pond area (ac)        | 1233 (Arcview)     |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Max height (ft)       | 22                 |
| Length (ft)           | 285                |
| Perm stor (ac-ft)     | 19,500             |
| Max stor (ac-ft)      | 21,960             |
| Drainage area (sq mi) | 10.53              |
| River                 | Merrymeeting River |

## **ELEVATIONS**

| 0 on gage translates to  |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Gage at full lake        | 648.5               |
| Gage at top of dam       | 650.51 – right abut |
|                          | (former spillway)   |
| Gage at top of dam       | 650.8 – left abut   |
| Gage perm spill crest    | 644.8               |
| Flowage or fee ownership |                     |
| Natural Mean High Water  |                     |

## HYDROLOGY - (precip pet rainfall)

| TIDROLOGY - (precip.net rainia   | II <i>)</i> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Meets Req. Disch. Capacity       | N           |
| Year Completed                   | 2015        |
| Disch. Cap. – w/o ops, 1' fbd    | 92 cfs      |
| Disch. Cap. – w/o ops, top dam   | 232 cfs     |
| Disch. Cap. – open gate, 1' fbd  | 279 cfs     |
| Disch. Cap. – open gate, top dam | 422 cfs     |
| Disch. Cap. – full ops (stoplogs | 742 cfs     |
| removed), 1' fbd                 |             |
| Disch. Cap. – full ops(stoplogs  | 977 cfs     |
| removed), top dam                |             |
| 50 yr Storm – Freeboard          | 1.65 ft     |
| 100 yr Storm - Rainfall          | 7.78"       |
| 100 yr Storm - routed            | 55 cfs      |
| 100 yr Storm – Freeboard         | 1.35 ft     |
| 2.5x100 yr Storm - Rainfall      | 2.5x        |
|                                  | (7.78")*    |
| 2.5x100 yr Storm - routed        | 232 cfs*    |
| Design Storm – Freeboard         | 0.0 ft      |
| (Assume right el.605.8 w/no ops) | (over)*     |
| 24-hr Rainfall to overtop dam    | 7.78        |
|                                  | inches      |
| Rise per inch runoff (ft/in)     | 0.39        |
| Time to peak (hrs)               |             |
|                                  |             |

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes Design Storm

| Spillway width (ft)    | 20   |
|------------------------|------|
| Freeboard (ft)         |      |
| Flashboard height (in) | None |
| Spacing of pins        | n/a  |
| Number of pins         | n/a  |
| Size & type of pins    | n/a  |
| Auto failure head      | n/a  |

## GATES (#1 in center)

| Number of gates | 1                      |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Size of gates   | 40" Dia.               |
| Gate sill elev  | 628.4 (gage)           |
| Gate capacity   | 190 cfs at top of dam  |
| each (cfs)      | 180 cfs at normal pool |

## STOPLOGS (#1 on left)

| Number of stoplog bays | 4            |
|------------------------|--------------|
| # Stoplogs in each bay | 5            |
| Size of each stoplog   | 5'w x 7.5"h  |
| Elev of stoplog sill   | 644.8 (gage) |

## **BENCHMARKS - NGVD**

## **CONTACTS** prior to operations

Operated by NHFG – J. Smith 859-1814

**COORDINATES:** N43.2837 W71.1043

OWNERSHIP: Reviewed 2013

State owns the entire dam and within 15 feet of

the footprint.



Revision date: 02/24/20 Data subject to review & update

<sup>\*</sup>Note: design storm passes with 1 foot freeboard if water is lowered to el.647.5

<sup>\*</sup>Note: analysis assumes rt side raised 0.29 ft

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## NOTES

Merrymeeting Lake Dam is operated by Jason Smith of the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery in New Durham. Hatchery phone: 603-859-2041. (Harry Tudor, foreman) Owned by NH Fish & Game, this is a Great Pond

### **OPERATIONS**

<u>Summer Operation:</u> The water level at Merrymeeting Lake is maintained at approximately 648.5 gage elevation. There are no operations for the summer season.

<u>Seasonal fall drawdown:</u> Merrymeeting Lake is lowered 2 feet on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Operation: The remaining pool is lowered an additional foot during the winter snowmelt.

## **STORM OPERATIONS & CONTACTS**

During a high water event, if the dams' performance becomes concerning, or if the water level is approaching the top of the dam, the Dam Bureau should arrange for increased monitoring and reporting of the condition of the dam until water levels have receded.

**EMERGENCY Contacts:** Jim Gallagher, Chief Dan Mattaini, Administrator of Operations

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LOCAL RESPONDERS: New Durham Fire New Durham Police New Durham Highway

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### MAINTENANCE - SITE VISIT CHECK LIST - AT LEAST MONTHLY

- Check water level, inspect and clean outlet works as necessary
- Check gate and stoplogs for any significant leakage
- Monitor the toe drain outlets to the left and right of the spillway chute at the downstream toe
- Monitor seepage at the toe of the left side of the spillway chute
- Remove trees & brush as needed within 15 feet of the dam footprint, mow vegetative cover as needed
- Monitor vertical concrete cracks on upstream core wall face, general
- Monitor concrete condition, repair concrete as necessary
- Replace any damaged stoplogs

#### HAZARD CLASSIFICATION & DOWNSTREAM REVIEW (100 YR PLUS BREACH)

**High Hazard** – A failure of this dam would likely destroy the immediately downstream occupied Fish Hatchery buildings, resulting in the probable loss of life. Breach flows would also result in impassable downstream town and state owned roadways and the failure of the high hazard Jones Dam.

A review of the existing inundation mapping finds approximately 160 residences and 10 commercial structures impacted by a dam breach. This results in approximately 650 people in the path of a potential dam breach.

| Downstream Feature | Dist d/s                        | Observation  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Town Road          | 265 ft                          | Merrymeeting Road; 2- Culverts, 4'diameter. CMP, 6'w x 5.2'h box                                       |
| Building           | 500 ft                          | Powder Mill Fish Hatchery Buildings; Anticipate 10' of flooding with possible destruction of buildings |
| Town Road          | 1.48 Miles                      | Merrymeeting Road; Box culvert, 12.5' w x 9'h, invert = 11'. Anticipate road would be overtopped.      |
| Private Drive      | 2.4 Miles                       | Private Drive, #89 Merrymeeting Road 2-16'w x 8.5'h bridge openings, inv = 9.5'                        |
| Dam                | 2.6 Miles                       | Jones Dam #170.02. High hazard. Dam would likely fail with 14 feet above 100 year levels.              |
| Town Road          | 3.4 Miles                       | Main Street, Review crossing at next inspection.   |
| Dam                | 3.5 Miles                       | Downing Pond Dam #170.03, Low hazard. Dam would be overtopped.   |
| State Road         | 3.7 Miles                       | NH Route 11; Anticipate overtopping of 5 ft.   |
| State Road         | 6.9 Miles                       | NH Route 28; Anticipate overtopping of 9 ft.   |
| State Road         | 7.6 Miles                       | NH Route 140; Anticipate overtopping of 6 ft.  |
| Dam                | 7.9 Miles                       | Alton Power Dam #006.02; High hazard. Anticipate dam failure.  |
| Residences         | 9.1 Miles                       | Located between Alton Power Dam and Lake Winnipesauke. Anticipate 8' of flooding                       |
| Residences         | Along length of inundation area | Multiple homes along length of inundation from Merrymeeting Dam to Lake Winnipesauke.                  |

# Record of Changes

| Field            | Date             | Change   |
|------------------|------------------|--|
| Gate sill elev   | 11/23/04 EJK     | From 547.10 USGS   |
| Elevations       | 3/17/08 (KRF)    | Removed line for gage reading at full lake                       |
| Spillway         | 3/17/08 (KRF)    | Spillway width/freeboard   |
| Gates            | 3/17/08 (KRF)    | Size of gates (from 4'h to 3.4'h), note that gates open to 4'    |
| Notes            | 3/17/08 (KRF)    | Note that gates open to 4', explanation of change to spillway    |
| Storm operations | 3/17/08 (KRF)    | Note to make changes downstream dams after operation at this dam |
| Coordinates      | 02/29/2012 (gdw) | Added for GPS users  |
| Directions       | 3/29/12 (GDW)    | Names of street and added both side access                       |
| Revise Sheet     | 02/24/2015 BAD   | Revised hydrology, format for OMR form                           |